

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR:
Chairman, Security Committee Working
Group on Unauthorized Disclosures

FROM: Robert W. Gambino
Chairman

SUBJECT: Data on Unauthorized Disclosures for DCI
Annual Report (U)

REFERENCE: Your memo dtd 31 Aug 78, to C/SECOM,
subject: Unauthorized Disclosures of
Sensitive Intelligence Information (U)

1. As Chairman of the DCI Security Committee, I have been tasked to provide input on security matters for inclusion in the DCI's Annual Report for calendar year 1978. The assistance of yourself and of your working group will be needed to respond to that part of the tasking which pertains to unauthorized disclosures.

2. For the basic DCI report itself, we have been asked to provide an overview perspective on the problem of unauthorized disclosures. This should characterize them; describe their often multiple causes; analyze the problems involved in finding meaningful remedies; and identify what is being done to try to bring them under control or mitigate their impact. Your earlier report to me (reference) contains much that is relevant to this, but may need some modification to accord with the very concise format prescribed for the annual report and with specific tasking below. We have been asked in particular to address elements of this problem resulting from former officials publicizing (e.g. through books or speeches) intelligence information they had access to. Discussion of this aspect should include comments on

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our successes, failures and plans in dealing with those who openly violate their secrecy obligations. Key examples of unauthorized disclosures during 1978 (or coming to our attention that year) should be included to illustrate the input for the annual report.

3. As a separate matter, we have been tasked to compile data responsive to a request by the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. This is for a catalogue of all unauthorized disclosures of intelligence information during calendar year 1978, to include a summary of damage assessments and a description of follow-on actions (e.g., investigation, prosecution, administrative action, security policy or procedure changes).

4. I request that you provide information responsive to the two tasks outlined above. An input for the overview perspective is needed by 1 November 1978. The catalogue of unauthorized disclosures is to be submitted in final form no later than 3 January 1979; however, a partial input covering those coming to your attention as of late October 1978 should be submitted with the overview perspective. Further information on this request may be obtained from [redacted] of the Community Security Group, [redacted]

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